



Citizen Corps Council – August 16th Minutes

Attendees: Claude Talford, Sandra Mathias, Winston Cross, Michael L. Jubirt, Major L. McNeil, Ernest Dobbins, Jennifer Price, Toni Holmon-Turner, Penny Aviotti, Craig Schmidle, Danny Baxter

1. Organization Structure/Name/Mission/Goals - Claude presented a PowerPoint presentation, which I have attached, that explains the purpose of Citizen Corps and all of its entities.

2. Membership/Point of Contact -

a. The goal of this CCC is to have at least 1 representative from the following groups: First Responders/Emergency Management; Volunteer community; Elected Officials; Business Leaders; School Systems representatives; Transportation sector; Media Executives; Minority and special needs representation; and Leadership from community sub-structure. We have a representative from all of these groups except for Elected Officials, School System Representative, and Media Executive. If you know of anyone that fits into those categories, invite them to the September meeting and get them involved.

b. The point of contact for the council is Claude Talford at claude.talford@memphistn.gov or myself, Kim McGrath at kmcgrath@volunteermemphis.org.

3. Election of Officers - We are going to nominate individuals for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer at the September 20th meeting.

4. Grant update - There is \$37,000 that has been allocated to the programs of Volunteers in Police Service, Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps, CERT, and Fire Corps. If your organization falls under one of these 5 programs you are eligible to apply for some of the grant money. The only requirement mentioned at the meeting is that the Citizen Corp logo be printed or included in whatever you use the money for. Please email Levell Blanchard at Levell.Blanchard@shelbycountyttn.gov if you have further questions about applying and stipulation pertaining to the grant.

5. Volunteer Training - Right now, each group has their own training goals. We want to change that to where we all work together through the Citizen Corps Council and can actually broaden our volunteer base. For example, all MRC volunteers need to go through CERT training and vice versa.

6. Membership Drive - September is Preparedness Month. We are still looking into having a booth at the Mid-South Fair inside the Pipkin Building where the many agencies involved with CCC can come and demonstrate what they do. People can then decide how they want to help. We will keep you posted on this.